Regional Water Quality Control Board NORTH COAST REGION (1)



SECTION 303 (d) LIST PROPOSALS



Region 1: Albion River Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body Albion River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

N/A

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

Data type N/A

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

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RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

though the TMDL has been approved by USEPA.

Region 1: Big River Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body

 Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use
 Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

 Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.
 N/A

 Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard
 N/A

 Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained
 N/A

 Water Body-specific Information
 USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

 Data used to assess water quality
 N/A

Big River

Spatial representationN/ATemporal representationN/AData typeN/A

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

Alternative Enforceable Program N/A

RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even though the TMDL has been approved by USEPA.

Region 1: Big River

Temperature

Water Body Big River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

MWAT linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives/Historic Temperature Ranges/Sullivan 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds-Peer Reviewed Literature.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 4 years (96-2000), Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

Data show that 29 out of 34 locations exceed the criterion of Sullivan, 2000= 14.8 degrees. But 23 locations had MWAT values exceeded for sublethal effects (10 and 20% reduced growth). None of the sites exceeded the 24 degree lethal criteria. 19 locations MWAT values exceeded the MWAT criteria (17 degrees) for sub-lethal effects (10% reduced growth). MWAT values at 4 locations exceeded the available MWAT criteria for sub-lethal effects (20% reduced growth).

Spatial representation

34 Locations over the 200 sq. mile area in the Big River watershed.

Temporal representation

Data was collected over 4 years (96-2000), with at least two years of record

at 15 locations.

Data type

Numerical data.

Use of standard method

Unknown.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Streambank modification/destabilization, Removal of riparian vegetation, Habitat modification, Nonpoint sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation

Watch List: Based on a letter sent from the NCRWQCB on January 31, 2002 the RWQCB feels there is insufficient information existing to list. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Big River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds -Peer Reviewed Literature), that were used to translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for Temperature.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

Region 1: Big River Temperature

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 2. Beneficial uses apply to the water body.
- 3. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 4. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 5. Data are numerical.
- 6. Other water body- or site-specific information including the effects of season and age of the data were considered.

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Garcia River Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body	Garcia River	
Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use	Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life	
Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.	N/A	
Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard	N/A	
Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained	N/A	
Water Body-specific Information	N/A	
Data used to assess water quality	N/A	
Spatial representation	N/A	
Temporal representation	N/A	
Data type	N/A	
Use of standard method	N/A	
Potential Source(s) of Pollutant	N/A	
Alternative Enforceable Program	N/A	
RWQCB Recommendation	None.	
SWRCB Staff Recommendation	After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a TMDL has been developed for the water body-pollutant combination. The TMDL has been approved by USEPA.	

Region 1: Gualala River Temperature

Water Body Gualala River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives/Historic Temperature Ranges/Sullivan 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 6 Years (1994-2000), Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

MWAT values exceeded criteria for sub-lethal effects (10 to 20% reduced growth) in the watershed at all or most locations. Maximum temperatures in one year at 15 locations was higher than 24 Degrees = Lethal.

Spatial representation

62 Locations over the 300 square mile area in the Gualala River Watershed.

Temporal representation

Data collected over 6 Years, with at least two years at 27 locations.

Data type

Numerical data.

Use of standard method

Unknown.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Streambank modification/destabilization, Removal of riparian vegetation, Nonpoint sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWOCB Recommendation

Watch List: Based on a letter sent from the NCRWQCB on January 31, 2002 the RWQCB feels there is insufficient information existing to list. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Gualala River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds -Peer Reviewed Literature), that were used to translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for Temperature.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 2. Beneficial uses apply to the water body.
- 3. Water quality standard used is applicable.

Region 1: Gualala River Temperature

- 4. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 5. Data are numerical.
- 6. Other water body- or site-specific information including the effects of season and age of the data were considered.

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Gualala River Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body Gualala River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

N/A

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

Data type N/A

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

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RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

though the TMDL has been approved by USEPA.

Region 1: Jacoby Creek Sediment

Water Body Jacoby Creek

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sediment/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight and a QA Plan was submitted as a reference.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Turbidity linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality objectives for Sediment, settable material and turbidity. Published Sedimentation Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 10 Years (1992-2002). Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

Turbidity levels throughout the watershed from 1992- 2002, are recorded at levels detrimental to salmonids. Up to 1.6 feet of aggradation from 1992 to 2002 based on cross section surveys.

Spatial representation

Targeted Sites, 10 along the creek.

Temporal representation

Data collected over 10 years in 1992-2002.

Data type

Numerical Data.

Use of standard method

Protocol/QAPP developed by Salmon Forever using EPA and USGS standard methods.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Silviculture, Road construction, Land development, Nonpoint source, Natural sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWOCB Recommendation

List.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data is considered to be of adequate quality.
- 2. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 3. Beneficial uses apply to the water body.
- 4. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 5. Data are numerical.
- 6. Standard methods were used.
- 7. Other water body- or site-specific information including the age of the data were considered.

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality

Region 1: Jacoby Creek Sediment

standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high. Based on the review of available information the Beneficial Uses of Jacoby Creek are impacted due to sedimentation. The data have exceeded the criteria (Published Sedimentation Thresholds-Peer Reviewed Literature), used to translate the narrative Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives for sediment.

Region 1: Laguna de Santa Rosa Sediment

Laguna de Santa Rosa Water Body

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sediment/Water/Cold Freshwater Habitat; Spawning, Reproduction, and/or

Early Development; Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species.

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Water Body-specific Information The Russian River watershed was listed for Sedimentation/Siltation in

1998. This listing applies to Santa Rosa Creek. Estimated TMDL

Completion Date is 2011.

Data used to assess water quality

Spatial representation

Temporal representation

Data type

Use of standard method

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Alternative Enforceable Program

Maintain listing. **RWQCB Recommendation**

SWRCB Staff Recommendation Maintain listing.

Region 1: Laguna de Santa Rosa Temperature

Water Body Laguna de Santa Rosa

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Cold Freshwater Habitat; Spawning, Reproduction,

and/or Early Development; Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

MWAT linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives/Historic Temperature Ranges/Sullivan 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature.

Data = 5 years (1997-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator

present at site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

Water Body-specific Information

All 26 locations had MWAT values exceeding the (Sullivan 2000) criteria of 14.8 and 17 Degrees, used to translate the narrative WQO for

temperature.

Spatial representation 26 Site locations in the Russian River Watershed.

Temporal representation More than one season for 5 years.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Flow regulation/modification, Removal of riparian vegetation, Habitat

Modification, Nonpoint Sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation Based on a letter sent from the NCRWQCB on January 31, 2002 the

RWQCB feels there is sufficient information and recommends to list the Russian River watershed. This listing includes the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Russian River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature) that were used to

translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for

Temperature.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation Based on a letter sent from the NCRWOCB on January 31, 2002 the

SWQCB feels there is sufficient information and recommends to list the Russian River watershed. This listing includes the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Russian River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature) that were used to translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for

Temperature.

Region 1: Laguna de Santa Rosa Nutrients

Water Body Laguna de Santa Rosa

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Nutrients/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Nitrogen and Phosphorus linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

The RWQCB initially used a USEPA goal for phosphorus to interpret the data. The use of the phosphorus goal does not address the conditions present in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. There is significant disagreement over phosphorus limitation in the Laguna. The response of water bodies to nutrient enrichment differ among water bodies and one applicable nutrient objective is not available. USEPA and the state are in the process of developing nutrient objectives for the bioregions of California.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 5-6 Years (1995-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

Even though there are 10 water chemistry samples, there is no applicable guideline that can be used to interpret the narrative standard. Even though a phosphorus goal is not applicable in this specific situation, it is clear that the Laguna de Santa Rosa does not meet standards for low dissolved oxygen. It is also clear that nutrient concentrations are a probable cause of the low oxygen concentrations. New monitoring should be completed that identifies the contribution of nutrients and their relationship to the observed low oxygen concentrations.

Spatial representation

Targeted Sites, 10 along the creek.

Temporal representation

Data collected over 4 seasons.

Data type

Numerical data.

Use of standard method

USEPA Standards, and Standard Methods for examination of Wastewater and Water.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Point source, Nonpoint source, Internal nutrient cycling.

Alternative Enforceable Program

List

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

RWQCB Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the Monitoring List. The Desired Goal used to determine the nutrients listing, does not take into consideration the nutrient cycling or site-specific conditions taking place in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Placement on the Monitoring List will allow the RWQCB to better define and understand which pollutant contributes to or causes the low dissolved oxygen in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Stakeholders have committed to work in cooperation with the RWQCB to develop a TMDL

Region 1: Laguna de Santa Rosa Nutrients

analysis for dissolved oxygen that will provide a better understanding of nutrients and their influence in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Nutrients will be addressed in the development of the Dissolved Oxygen TMDL. This stakeholder process should be transparent and inclusive of all participants.

Region 1: Laguna de Santa Rosa Diazinon

Water Body Laguna de Santa Rosa

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Diazinon

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Water Body-specific Information

Data used to assess water quality

In November, 1999 results from the City of Santa Rosa were non-detect for all pesticides, including diazinon. As presented in the RWQCB November 16, 2002 303(d) List Update Recommendations report, a 1997 Department of Pesticides Regulations study reported that two of the fifty two samples from the Russian River above the reporting limit, at concentrations above that believed to be detrimental to freshwater organisms. The RWQCB recommends placing the Russian River watershed on the Watch List for diazinon, but not specifying individual tributaries.

Spatial representation

Temporal representation

Data type

Use of standard method

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation

Exclude the Laguna de Santa Rosa from Listing for diazinon.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be excluded from Listing.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that only two of the water quality measurements exceeded the applicable water quality criteria. The RWQCB recommends placing the Russian River watershed on the Watch List for diazinon, but not specifying individual tributaries.

Region 1: Laguna de Santa Rosa Chromium, Copper, and Zinc

Water Body Laguna de Santa Rosa

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Chromium, Copper, and Zinc

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Water Body-specific Information

Data used to assess water quality

Available copper, chromium, and zinc water quality and sediment data, including additional (new) data has submitted by the City of Santa Rosa collected from Santa Rosa Creek and Laguna de Santa Rosa. Comparison of these data to applicable criteria (maximum contaminant level, an agricultural criterion, public health goals, aquatic life criterion, and California Toxic Rule criteria) shows that all available data are below applicable criteria. The RWQCBs previous assessment did not include comparison to CTR. The City of Santa Rosa continues to monitor both Santa Rosa Creek and the Laguna de Santa Rosa for these metals, and the RWOCB will continue to review the results when available.

Spatial representation

Temporal representation

Data type

Use of standard method

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation

Exclude from Listing.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be excluded from Listing.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that none of the water quality measurements exceeded the applicable water quality criteria.

Region 1: Laguna de Santa Rosa Low Dissolved Oxygen

Water Body	Laguna de Santa Rosa
water body	\mathcal{E}

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Low Dissolved Oxygen/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Dissolved Oxygen linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

WQO, RWQCB's Basin Plan Objective for Dissolved Oxygen.

Water Body-specific Information Data = 5-6 Years (1995-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator

present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality Water Chemistry Total Samples n=1792, with 1612 below the 7.0 mg/L

Objective.

Spatial representation Data collected at 4 attainment points along the water body.

Temporal representation Data collected over 4 seasons.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method City of Santa Rosa Monitoring, North Coast RWQCB monitoring.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Nonpoint source, Point Source, Internal nutrient cycling.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation List

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data is considered to be of adequate quality.
- 2. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 3. Beneficial uses apply.
- 4. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 5. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 6. Data are numerical.
- 7. Standard methods were used.
- 8. Other water body- or site-specific information including the age of the data were considered.

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

A TMDL was completed for dissolved oxygen in 1995, but recent data

Region 1: Laguna de Santa Rosa Low Dissolved Oxygen

show that water quality objectives are not yet being met, and additional measures need to be taken to address this problem. Recently, the City of Santa Rosa in cooperation with the RWQCB has committed to fund a study to develop a TMDL analysis for dissolved oxygen that will be used to set waste load and load allocations for the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

Region 1: Lake Mendocino Mercury

Water Body Lake Mendocino

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Mercury/Water/Fish Consumption

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight. TSMP QAPP was

used.

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

Mercury is linked to Fish Consumption.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

U.S. EPA Tissue Residue Criterion.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 3 years (1999 - 2001), Data measured at site, species present in the water body, environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

The 1999 data show that all three of the fish samples exceed the U.S. EPA tissue residue criterion. The preliminary data from 2001 show that six of the ten samples exceed the U.S. EPA tissue residue criterion. These intensive monitoring studies of fish tissue mercury levels in Lake Mendocino in cooperation with the Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment show that the mercury levels in Lake Mendocino

exceed the U.S. EPA tissue residue criterion.

Spatial representation Data were collected spatially within Lake Mendocino.

Temporal representation Data were collected during May in the 1999 study and during September

in the 2000 study.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method RWQCB methods.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Resource Extraction, Non-point Source

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation Monitoring List

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data is considered to be of adequate quality.
- 2. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 3. Beneficial uses have been established.
- 4. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 5. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 6. Data are numerical.
- 7. Standard methods were used.

Region 1: Lake Mendocino Mercury

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Lake Sonoma

Mercury

Lake Sonoma Water Body

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Mercury/Water/Fish Consumption

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met. Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight. TSMP QAPP was

used.

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

Mercury is linked to Fish Consumption.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained U.S. EPA Tissue Residue Criterion.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 3 years (1999 - 2001), Data measured at site, species present in the water body, environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

The 1999 data show that all six of the fish samples exceed the U.S. EPA tissue residue criterion. The preliminary data from 2001 show that seven of the twelve samples exceed the U.S. EPA tissue residue criterion. These intensive monitoring studies of fish tissue mercury levels in Lake Sonoma in cooperation with the Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment show that the mercury levels in Lake Sonoma exceed the U.S.

EPA tissue residue criterion.

Spatial representation Data were collected spatially within Lake Sonoma.

Temporal representation Data were collected during May in the 1999 study and during September

in the 2001 study.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method RWOCB methods.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Resource Extraction, Non-point Source

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWOCB Recommendation Monitoring List

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data is considered to be of adequate quality.
- 2. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 3. Beneficial uses have been established.
- 4. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 5. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 6. Data are numerical.
- 7. Standard methods were used.

Region 1: Lake Sonoma Mercury

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Mad River

Temperature

Water Body Mad River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a OA/OC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

MWAT linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives/Historic Temperature Ranges/Sullivan 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 4 years (97-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

MWAT values at all 11 locations exceeded 20 degrees and are higher than the criteria for sub-lethal effects (10 to 20% reduced growth). Maximum temperatures at most of the 11 locations were higher than 24 Degrees (= Lethal) in most years.

Spatial representation

Targeted 11 sites along the 503 sq. miles of the creek.

Temporal representation

Data collected over 4 years. Data was available from 11 locations, with at

least 2 years of record at most locations.

Data type

Numerical data.

Use of standard method

Monitoring was conducted as part of the permitting process from 1997-2000).

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Flow regulation/modification, Removal of riparian vegetation, Habitat modification, Nonpoint sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation

Watch List: Based on a letter sent from the NCRWQCB on January 31, 2002 the RWQCB feels there is insufficient information existing to list. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Mad River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds -Peer Reviewed Literature), that were used to translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for Temperature.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.

Region 1: Mad River Temperature

- 2. Beneficial uses apply to the water body.
- 3. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 4. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 5. Data are numerical.
- 6. Other water body- or site-specific information including the effects of season and age of the data were considered.

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Mattole River Sedimentation

Water Body

Spatial representation

Data type

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation and Temperature/Water/Cold Freshwater Habitat: Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development; Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species. Data with a QA/QC plan were given the greatest weight. Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met. In-stream sediment indicators linked to salmonid requirements. Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard Temperature thresholds (MWAT) linked to salmonid sensitive life-stage requirements. Utility of measure for judging if Basin Plan water quality objectives for sediment, settleable solids, and standards or uses are not attained turbidity; published sediment thresholds from peer reviewed literature. aerial photo interpretation. Basin Plan water quality objective for temperature; Sullivan, et al 2000 published temperature thresholds, stream temperature modeling. Water Body-specific Information Analysis of 1941 to 2000 aerial photo sets. 2002 road and stream survey data. 1994-2001 stream temperature data. Riparian vegetation conditions throughout entire watershed. Thermal infrared survey of entire mainstem and six large tributaries. Water temperature data collected every 1-1.5 hours throughout summer. Stream substrate parameters. Channel morphology responsive/vulnerable Data used to assess water quality to increased flows and input of upslope sediment. Water temperature data collected every 1-1.5 hours throughout summer.

Mattole River

conditions, thermal infrared survey of entire mainstem and six large tributaries; well distributed stream temperature monitoring.

Temporal representation

Aerial photo data collected represents a 60 year period, stream temperature

data collected over seven years.

Numeric data, aerial photo analysis, measured instream parameters, remotely gathered thermal infrared and vegetation coverages.

Targeted 40 road and stream surveys; 44 square miles of aerial photo analysis, complete representation of current and potential stream shade

Use of standard method Forest Science Project stream temperature data collection protocol, WA

State Watershed Analysis Manual.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Road construction, Timber harvest activity, Livestock grazing-

riparian/upland, and Natural sources, Silviculture, Logging Road

Construction.

Alternative Enforceable Program None.

RWOCB Recommendation Maintain Listing.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the

Region 1: Mattole River Sedimentation

water body should not be removed from the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are still exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem. Maintain Listing. Original Listing Date:1993. Estimated TMDL Completion Date:1/06.

Region 1: Navarro River Temperature

Water Body		Navarro River			
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Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met. N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A N/A Data type

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

Alternative Enforceable Program N/A

RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

though the TMDL has been approved by USEPA.

Region 1: Noyo River Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body	Noyo River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met. N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained N/A

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

N/A Data type

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

Alternative Enforceable Program N/A

RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

though the TMDL has been approved by USEPA.

Region 1: Redwood Creek Sedimentation

Seamentation	
Water Body	Redwood Creek
Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use	Sedimentation/Water/Cold Freshwater Habitat; Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development; Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species.
Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.	Data with a QA/QC plan were given the greatest weight.
Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard	In-stream sediment indicators linked to salmonid habitat requirements.
Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained	Basin Plan water quality objectives for sediment, settleable solids, and turbidity; published sediment thresholds from peer reviewed literature.
Water Body-specific Information	1975-1995: particle size distribution data; 1977-1999: channel morphology data; 1973-2000 suspended sediment data; 1999 turbidity data; 2002 road inventory data.
Data used to assess water quality	Fine sediment loads exceed TMDL thresholds, particularly in the lower watershed. Channel morphology responsive/ vulnerable to increased flows and input of upslope sediment. Suspended sediment loads do not consistently meet TMDL threshold. Road densities throughout basin exceed densities protective of water quality. 15% of roads have been decommissioned, and 6% have been upgraded.
Spatial representation	Targeted 4 to 15 sites (depending on variable) throughout 282 square mile watershed.
Temporal representation	Data collected over 25 year period.
Data type	Numerical data.
Use of standard method	USGS sampling. Peer-reviewed monitoring/sampling techniques.
Potential Source(s) of Pollutant	Harvest-related erosion, Road-related surface erosion, gullies, Road crossing failures, Natural landslides, Logging road construction, Natural sources, Erosion/Siltation.
Alternative Enforceable Program	None.
RWQCB Recommendation	Maintain Listing.
SWRCB Staff Recommendation	After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be removed from the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are still exceeded and a pollutant

contributes to or causes the problem. Original Listing Date:1993. Estimated TMDL Completion Date: 7/07.

Region 1: Redwood Creek Temperature

Water Body Redwood Creek

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

MWAT linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives/Historic Temperature Ranges/Sullivan 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed

Literature.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 7 years (94-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

MWAT values at 23 of the 31 locations exceeded criteria (Sullivan 2000) for 14.8 degrees C. 10 locations exceeded the criteria sub-lethal effects (10% reduced growth) 17 degrees C. 5 locations in the estuary, 3 locations in the mainstem, and 1 on Lacks Creek exceeded the criteria available for (20% reduced growth) sub-lethal effects. Maximum temperatures at 6 locations were higher than 24 Degrees Celsius (= Lethal).

Spatial representation

Targeted sites 31 locations over the 294 sq. miles of the creek.

Temporal representation

Data was collected over 7 years (94-2001), with at least two years of record

at 20 locations.

Data type

Numerical data.

Use of standard method

USGS sampling.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Landslides in the Redwood Creek Watershed/Floods/Erosion of decommissioned roads, Removal of Riparian Vegetation, Streambank Modification/Destabilization, Erosion/Siltation, Nonpoint Sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation

Watch List: Based on a letter sent from the NCRWQCB on January 31, 2002 the RWQCB feels there is insufficient information existing to list. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Ten Mile River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds-Peer Reviewed Literature), that were used to translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for Temperature.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

Region 1: Redwood Creek Temperature

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 2. Beneficial uses apply to the water body.
- 3. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 4. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 5. Data are numerical.
- 6. Other water body- or site-specific information including the effects of season and age of the data were considered.

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Russian River Temperature

Water Body Russian River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Aquatic Life

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Osc

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint MWAT linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use. and benefical use or standard

Utility of measure for judging if
standards or uses are not attained
Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives/Historic Temperature
Ranges/Sullivan 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed

Literature.

Water Body-specific Information Data = 5 years (1997-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator

present at site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality All 26 locations had MWAT values exceeding the (Sullivan 2000) criteria

of 14.8 and 17 Degrees, used to translate the narrative WQO for

temperature.

Spatial representation 26 Site locations in the Russian River Watershed.

Temporal representation More than one season for 5 years.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method Unknown.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Flow regulation/modification, Removal of riparian vegetation, Habitat

Modification, Nonpoint Sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation Based on a letter sent from the NCRWQCB on January 31, 2002 the

RWQCB feels there is sufficient information and recommends to list this water body. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Russian River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature) that were used to translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for

Temperature.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWOCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or

causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 2. Beneficial uses apply to the water body.
- 3. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 4. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality

Region 1: Russian River Temperature

standards is adequate.

- 5. Data are numerical.
- 6. Other water body- or site-specific information including the age of the data were considered.

All of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Russian River Pathogens

Water Body Russian River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Pathogens/Water/REC-1

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Pathogens/Bacteria (i.e. Fecal coliform) to REC-1 Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives.

Water Body-specific Information Data = 15 Years (1987-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator

present at site, Environmental conditions considered at sites.

Data used to assess water qualityBacterial Data: 72% of the fecal coliform data from 1986-1994 at

Healdsburg Memorial Beach exceed the WQO. 75% of the fecal coliform

data from 1992-1994 at Monte Rio beach exceed the WQO.

Spatial representation Healdsburg Memorial Beach and Monte Rio Beach areas, sample sites

unknown.

Temporal representation All of the Samples were collected in the summer months.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method Unknown.

Potential Source(s) of PollutantPoint sources, Nonpoint sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation List.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem. Data has shown these water bodies have exceeded the WQO for pathogens. List the Monte Rio area from the confluence of Dutch Bill Creek to the confluence of Fife Creek. Also list Healdsburg Memorial Beach from the Highway 101 crossing to the railroad crossing upstream of the beach.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 2. Beneficial uses apply to the water body.
- 3. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 4. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 5. Data are numerical.
- 6. Other water body- or site-specific information including the age of the data were considered.

Region 1: Russian River Pathogens

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Santa Rosa Creek Sediment

Water Body Santa Rosa Creek

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sediment/Water/Cold Freshwater Habitat; Spawning, Reproduction, and/or

Early Development; Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species.

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

and benefical use of standard

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Water Body-specific Information The Russian River watershed was listed for Sedimentation/Siltation in

1998. This listing applies to Santa Rosa Creek. Estimated TMDL

Completion Date is 2011.

Data used to assess water quality

Spatial representation

Temporal representation

Data type

Use of standard method

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation Maintain Listing

SWRCB Staff Recommendation Maintain Listing

Region 1: Santa Rosa Creek Temperature

Water Body Santa Rosa Creek

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Cold Freshwater Habitat; Spawning, Reproduction,

and/or Early Development; Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species.

Data quality assessment. Extent to Data which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

MWAT linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives/Historic Temperature Ranges/Sullivan 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed

Literature.

Water Body-specific Information Data = 5 years (1997-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator

present at site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality All 26 locations had MWAT values exceeding the (Sullivan 2000) criteria

of 14.8 and 17 Degrees, used to translate the narrative WQO for

temperature.

Spatial representation 26 Site locations in the Russian River Watershed.

Temporal representation More than one season for 5 years.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Flow regulation/modification, Removal of riparian vegetation, Habitat

Modification, Nonpoint Sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation Based on a letter sent from the NCRWQCB on January 31, 2002 the

RWQCB feels there is sufficient information and recommends to list the Russian River watershed. This listing includes Santa Rosa Creek. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Russian River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature) that were used to

translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for

Temperature.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation Based on a letter sent from the NCRWOCB on January 31, 2002, there is

sufficient information and recommends to list the Russian River watershed. This listing includes Santa Rosa Creek. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Russian River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature) that were used to translate the narrative Water Quality

Objective for Region 1 for Temperature.

Region 1: Santa Rosa Creek Pathogens

Santa Rosa Creek

Water Body

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Pathogens/Water/REC-1

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met. Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Pathogens/Bacteria (i.e. E. coli.) linked to REC-1 Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained CA. Draft DHS Guidance for Freshwater Beaches, Swimming Advisory Posting.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 1-23 Years (1979/1980 and 2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

Bacterial Data n=38, 19 exceeding draft DHS Guidance standards NOT enough data to show exceedance of REC-1 WQO -Bacteria, but enough to show exceedance of the DHS guidance. The DHS guidance for fresh water beaches, which was used to post a swimming advisory for this water body.

Spatial representation Targeted Sites, 12 along the creek.

Temporal representation Data collected over 12 days in June/July 2001 and also during 4 separate

months in 1979/1980.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method City of Santa Rosa and Draft CA. State DHS Guidance for Fresh Water

Beaches.

Point sources and Nonpoint sources. Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWOCB Recommendation List

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the

water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.

2. The evaluation guideline used is adequate. A Swimming Advisory for this waterbody is in effect, based on the use of this Draft CA. DHS Guidance for Fresh Water Beaches, impacting the Beneficial Use. There was not enough data to show exceedances of REC-1, WQO-Bacteria.

3. Data are numerical.

4. Standard methods were used.

5. Other water body- or site-specific information including the age of the

data were considered.

An adequate number of the water quality measurements exceeded the DHS guidance. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded in high.

Region 1: Santa Rosa Creek Chromium, Copper, and Zinc

Santa Rosa Creek Water Body

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Chromium, Copper, and Zinc

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Water Body-specific Information

Data used to assess water quality

Available copper, chromium, and zinc water quality and sediment data, including additional (new) data has submitted by the City of Santa Rosa collected from Santa Rosa Creek and Laguna de Santa Rosa. Comparison of these data to applicable criteria (maximum contaminant level, an agricultural criterion, public health goals, aquatic life criterion, and California Toxic Rule criteria) shows that all available data are below applicable criteria. The RWQCBs previous assessment did not include comparison to CTR. The City of Santa Rosa continues to monitor both Santa Rosa Creek and the Laguna de Santa Rosa for these metals, and the RWOCB will continue to review the results when available.

Spatial representation

Temporal representation

Data type

Use of standard method

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation

Exclude from Listing.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the

water body should be excluded from Listing.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that none of the water quality

measurements exceeded the applicable water quality criteria.

Region 1: Santa Rosa Creek Diazinon

Water Body Santa Rosa Creek

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use

Diazinon

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Water Body-specific Information

Data used to assess water quality

In November of 1999 results by the City of Santa Rosa were non-detect for all pesticides, including diazinon. Presented in the RWQCB November 16, 2002 303(d) List Update Recommendations report, a 1997 Department of Pesticides Regulations study reported that two of the fifty two samples from the Russian River above the reporting limit, at concentrations above that believed to be detrimental to freshwater organisms. The RWQCB recommends placing the Russian River watershed on the Watch List for diazinon, but not specifying individual tributaries.

Spatial representation

Temporal representation

Data type

Use of standard method

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation

Exclude from Listing.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be excluded from Listing.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that none of the water quality measurements exceeded the applicable water quality criteria. The RWQCB recommends placing the Russian River watershed on the Watch List for diazinon, but not specifying individual tributaries.

The tributaries of the Russian River should not be placed on the Monitoring List. The Russian River should be on the Monitoring List for diazinon.

Region 1: South Fork Eel River Temperature

Water Body	South Fork Eel River
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Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

N/A

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

Data type N/A

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

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RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

Region 1: South Fork Eel River Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body South Fork Eel River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

N/A

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

Data type N/A

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

Alternative Enforceable Program N/A

RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

Region 1: South Fork Trinity River/Hayfork Creek Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body South Fork Trinity River/Hayfork Creek

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

N/A

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

Data type N/A

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

Alternative Enforceable Program N/A

RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

Region 1: Stemple Creek/Estero de San Antonio Sediment

Water Body Stemple Creek/Estero de San Antonio

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sediment/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

Turbidity linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality objectives for sediment. Published Sedimentation Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature.

Water Body-specific Information Data = 5 Years (1996-2001), Data measured at site, Species or indicator

present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

Have a narrative Objective for Sediment and Turbidity, Have data from 5

years for turbidity measurements. The data have exceeded the criteria (Published Sedimentation Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature). used to translate the narrative Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives for Sediment.

Spatial representation Targeted stations, 3 sites along creek

Temporal representation Data collected over 5 sampling years.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method Dept. Fish and Game.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Soil Erosion, Nonpoint Source.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWQCB Recommendation List.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data exhibited sufficient, insufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 2. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 3. Data are numerical.
- 4. Standard methods were used.
- 5. Other water body- or site-specific information including the effects of season and age of the data were considered.

A TMDL was approved in 1997 for this Watershed and "sediment" was inadvertently not included as a stressor in the original 303(d) List, it should have been included. All the elements for sediment are addressed in the 1997 TMDL, but sediment was not listed as a stressor, nutrients were.

Region 1: Stemple Creek/Estero de San Antonio Sediment

RWQCB wants to amend the 303(d) list to include sediment so that the TMDL can be completed. The data have exceeded the criteria (Published Sedimentation Thresholds- Peer Reviewed Literature) used to translate the narrative Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives for sediment.

Region 1: Ten Mile River Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body Ten Mile River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

N/A

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

Data type N/A

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

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RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

Region 1: Ten Mile River **Temperature**

Ten Mile River Water Body

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Temperature/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met. Data with a OA/OC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

MWAT linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives/Historic Temperature Ranges/Sullivan 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds-Peer Reviewed Literature.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 7 years (93-2000), Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

Maximum recorded temperatures did not exceed 24 degrees at any of the locations. 31 out of the 37 locations exceeded the 14.8 criteria (Sullivan 2000). MWAT values at 17 locations exceeded the 17 degree MWAT criteria for sub-lethal effects (10% reduced growth) MWAT values at 3 of the locations exceeded the MWAT criteria for sub-lethal (20% reduced

growth).

Spatial representation Data were available from 37 locations.

Temporal representation 2 years of data were available for all of the 37 locations with the exception

of 3 of them. 5 years of data were available from 26 locations.

Data type Numerical data.

Use of standard method Unknown.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant Streambank modification/destabilization, Removal of riparian vegetation,

Habitat modification, Nonpoint sources.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWOCB Recommendation Watch List: Based on a letter sent from the NCRWOCB on January 31,

2002 the RWOCB feels there is insufficient information existing to list. The Maximum Weekly Average Temperature (MWAT) and the Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature (MWMT) values for the Ten Mile River Watershed exceed the criteria values (Sullivan, 2000 Published Temperature Thresholds -Peer Reviewed Literature), that were used to translate the narrative Water Quality Objective for Region 1 for

Temperature.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or

causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

Region 1: Ten Mile River Temperature

- 1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 2. Beneficial uses apply to the water body.
- 3. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 4. The evaluation guideline used to interpret narrative water quality standards is adequate.
- 5. Data are numerical.
- 6. Other water body- or site-specific information including the effects of season and age of the data were considered.

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high.

Region 1: Trinity River Sedimentation/Siltation

Water Body Trinity River

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

N/A

Water Body-specific Information

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

Data type N/A

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Alternative Enforceable Program} \\ \textbf{N/A} \end{tabular}$

RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

Region 1: Tule Lake and the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge pH

Water Body

Tule Lake and the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use pH/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met.

Data with a QA/QC were given the greatest weight.

Linkage between measurement endpoint and benefical use or standard

pH linked to Aquatic Life Beneficial Use.

Utility of measure for judging if standards or uses are not attained

Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives.

Water Body-specific Information

Data = 6 years (1992-1997), Data measured at site, Species or indicator present at Site, Environmental conditions considered at site.

Data used to assess water quality

For the Klamath Straights Data showed in 1996, 10 pH exceedances out of 15 measurements (7.9-10 range), 1997 data showed 13 pH exceedances out of 15 measurements (8.1 - 10 Range). The 1992-95 data showed 3 exceedances out of 11 samples (4.6-9.12 range). For the Tule Lake Data showed in 1996 10 pH exceedances out of 15 measurements (7.5 - 10.0 range). 1997 data showed 13 exceedances out of 15 measurements and the 1992-95 the data showed 7 exceedances out of 11 samples (range 5 - 10.2).

Spatial representation

Klamath Straights-sampling station/Tule Lake-Pump D sampling station.

Temporal representation

April through October Data from 1992-1997 for Klamath and Tule Lake.

Data type

Numerical data.

Use of standard method

Unknown.

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant

Nonpoint sources, Internal nutrient cycling.

Alternative Enforceable Program

RWOCB Recommendation

List.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation

After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should be placed on the section 303(d) list because applicable water quality standards are exceeded and a pollutant contributes to or causes the problem.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data exhibited sufficient spatial and temporal coverage.
- 2. Beneficial uses have been established.
- 3. Water quality standard used is applicable.
- 4. Data are numerical.
- 5. Standard methods were used.
- 6. Other water body- or site-specific information including the effects of season and age of the data were considered.

Most of the water quality measurements exceeded the water quality standard. Data has shown that the pH values exceeded the WQO for pH.

Region 1: Tule Lake and the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge pH

The staff confidence that standards were exceeded is high. List for pH for the portions of Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Region 1: Van Duzen River/Yager Creek Sedimentation/Siltation

Van Duzen River/Yager Creek

Water Body

Stressor/Media/Beneficial Use Sedimentation-Siltation/Water/Aquatic Life

Data quality assessment. Extent to which data quality requirements met. N/A

Linkage between measurement endpoint

and benefical use or standard

N/A

N/A

Utility of measure for judging if

Water Body-specific Information

standards or uses are not attained

USEPA has approved a TMDL for this water body-pollutant combination.

Data used to assess water quality N/A

Spatial representation N/A

Temporal representation N/A

N/A Data type

Use of standard method N/A

Potential Source(s) of Pollutant N/A

Alternative Enforceable Program N/A

RWQCB Recommendation None.

SWRCB Staff Recommendation After reviewing the available data and information and the RWQCB

documentation for this recommendation, SWRCB staff conclude that the water body should not be placed on the TMDLs Completed List because a plan to implement the TMDL has not been adopted or approved even

Water Bodies Proposed for the Monitoring List in Region 1

Water Body	Pollutant/Stressor	Rationale
Alder Creek		
	Sediment and Temperature	Data regarding instream conditions and sediment impact are not available in this watershed. Temperature data for Alder Creek provided by a recent survey (Pjerrou, 2001) indicate that high temperature levels may be a source of impairment of cold water fisheries in Alder Creek. Additional information on the temporal and spatial extent of elevated temperatures, including MWATs, are required to determine the extent of stream temperature impairment.
		Staff recommends conducting additional instream sediment and temperature assessments of Alder Creek to determine whether spawning and rearing habitat of cold water fisheries and other beneficial uses are impaired due to sedimentation and/or elevated temperatures.
Beith Creek		
	Sediment	Beneficial uses of concern include those associated with cold water fisheries (commercial and sport fishing, spawning, reproduction, and/or early development). Chief threats are sedimentation and increased runoff, and possibly urban runoff (Farhi, 2001) Based on the available information, it is difficult to determine whether the instream sediment conditions are impairing the cold water fishery. Additional information on instream sediment conditions, channel aggradation, and historic and current fish presence/absence is necessary to determine whether water quality objectives are being exceeded and beneficial uses impaired.
Brush Creek		
	Sediment	Data suggests low impact by fine sediments on the streambed. However, further information regarding instream sediment conditions is necessary to verify the transport capacity for Brush Creek and evaluate the conditions of the other southern Mendocino Coast streams.
		Staff recommends conducting additional instream sediment assessments in these southern Mendocino Coast streams to determine whether spawning and rearing habitat of cold water fisheries and other beneficial uses are impaired due to sediments.
Casper Creek		
	Pathogens	There is not enough data over a 30-day time period to make a determination of water quality objective exceedance for contact recreation, according to Basin Plan water quality objectives. While the results may be due to a residual effect of the sewer line break, the lack of baseline data makes it difficult to determine with any certainty. Given the anecdotal accounts of surfers getting sinusitis/ear infections, staff recommends putting Virgin Creek, Casper Creek, and Pudding Creek on the watch list and conducting baseline monitoring for pathogens to assess whether beneficial uses are threatened or impaired.
Cottaneva Cree	ek	
	Sediment	Information regarding sediment loading, instream conditions, and sediment transport capacity of these streams is insufficient to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired. Staff recommends conducting instream sediment and temperature assessments of these northern Mendocino Coast streams to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired due to sediments.

Water Body	Pollutant/Stressor	Rationale
Dehaven Cree	k	
	Sediment	Fish population data and timber harvest histories were not available for these watersheds. However, both these streams have been documented to provide historic habitat for coho salmon which are currently absent from the watersheds (Pjerrou, 2001). Due to lack of fish population data, it is difficult to determine whether the instream sediment conditions have impaired the cold water fishery and other beneficial uses. Staff recommends additional research to characterize historic fisheries conditions, as well as obtaining more information on harvest histories and instream conditions necessary for making a beneficial use impairment determination.
East Fork Trin	ity River	
	Mercury	An assessment of water quality around abandoned mine sites in Trinity County revealed that water quality standards are being met, except at the site of the Altoona mercury mine at the northern end of Trinity County above the East Fork of the Trinity River (Trinity Journal, 2001). A USGS monitoring program, to be completed in 2002, will evaluate the impact of abandoned mines such as the Altoona mine on federal lands in the Trinity River watershed. Staff recommends assessing the results of the study when available to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired by mercury.
Elk Creek		
	Sediment	Data suggests low impact by fine sediments on the streambed. However, further information regarding instream sediment conditions is necessary to verify the transport capacity for Elk Creek and evaluate the conditions of the other southern Mendocino Coast streams.
		Staff recommends conducting additional instream sediment assessments in these southern Mendocino Coast streams to determine whether spawning and rearing habitat of cold water fisheries and other beneficial uses are impaired due to sediments.
Greenwood C	reek	
	Sediment and Temperature	The most sensitive beneficial uses supported by Greenwood Creek include uses associated with the cold water fishery and municipal and domestic supply. There is conflicting evidence regarding the impairment of Greenwood Creek's instream conditions due to fine sediment. The results of all of these studies are mixed, and seem to indicate, at a minimum, the existence of localized degradation of streambed quality due to fine sediments. At this time, staff is unable to determine the contributing factors causing the impairment to the domestic water supply. It is unclear, based upon the available information, whether upstream timber harvest practices contributed to the bank erosion Furthermore, temperature data from two locations on Greenwood Creek spanning six years of record from 1992 to 2000 indicate that high temperature levels may be a source of impairment of cold water fisheries in Greenwood Creek. Based on the complicated circumstances regarding the drinking water supply, as well as the mixed information on the instream sediment conditions in Greenwood Creek, staff recommends putting Greenwood Creek on the Monitoring List for sediment. Staff also recommends that Greenwood Creek be added to the Monitoring List for temperature, and that additional temperature monitoring at more locations throughout the watershed be conducted to evaluate possible temperature impairment of the cold water fishery.
Grotzman Cre	ek	
	Sediment	Beneficial uses of concern include those associated with cold water fisheries (commercial and sport fishing, spawning, reproduction, and/or early development). Chief threats are sedimentation and increased runoff, and possibly urban runoff (Farhi,

are being exceeded and beneficial uses impaired.

2001). Based on the available information, it is difficult to determine whether the instream sediment conditions are impairing the cold water fishery. Additional

information on instream sediment conditions, channel aggradation, and historic and current fish presence/absence is necessary to determine whether water quality objectives

Water Body	Pollutant/Stressor	Rationale
Hardy Creek		
	Sediment	Information regarding sediment loading, instream conditions, and sediment transport capacity of these streams is insufficient to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired. Staff recommends conducting instream sediment and temperature assessments of these northern Mendocino Coast streams to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired due to sediments.
Howard Creek		
	Sediment	Information regarding sediment loading, instream conditions, and sediment transport capacity of these streams is insufficient to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired. Staff recommends conducting instream sediment and temperature assessments of these northern Mendocino Coast streams to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired due to sediments.
Humboldt Bay		
	PCBs and Dieldrin	Preliminary 1999-2000 data (SWRCB, 2001) from the State Mussel Watch Program (SMWP) shows levels of dieldrin and Total PCBs in transplanted California Mussels that exceed maximum tissue residue levels for enclosed bays and estuaries (Humboldt Del Norte Pier, C Street, and J Street). Given that the SMWP results are considered preliminary, and the lack of supporting information, staff recommends conducting additional monitoring at these sites for Total PCBs and dieldrin through the State Mussel Watch Program. Additional study may be conducted through the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program.
	Sediment	According to accounts submitted for the 303(d) List update, sedimentation from streams which drain into the Bay, such as Jacoby Creek, has led to aggradation near the mouths of these creeks (Friedrichsen, 2001). Further, elevated turbidity and suspended solids can result in decreased light penetration through the water column, impacting aquatic plants such as eelgrass and the organisms dependent on them.
		It is not clear based on the available information whether water quality objectives are being exceeded and beneficial uses impaired in Humboldt Bay. Staff recommends additional study to determine whether beneficial uses are threatened due to sedimentation in Humboldt Bay.
Juan Creek		
	Sediment	Information regarding sediment loading, instream conditions, and sediment transport capacity of these streams is insufficient to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired. Staff recommends conducting instream sediment and temperature assessments of these northern Mendocino Coast streams to determine whether beneficial uses are impaired due to sediments.
Klamath River		
	Sediment	Beneficial uses may be impaired in portions of the mainstem Klamath (particularly in the lower Klamath River) and tributaries to the Klamath River (Beaver Creek and tributaries to the Klamath below the confluence with the Trinity River have been specifically identified) due to excessive sediment loading and instream sediment conditions. Insufficient information is available at this time to make a listing determination. Staff recommends focused study of the instream sediment conditions to assess beneficial use impairment of the mainstem and tributaries.
Laguna de San	ta Rosa	
	Nutrients	Even though there are 10 water chemistry samples, there is no applicable guideline that can be used to interpret the narrative standard. Even though a phosphorus goal is not applicable in this specific situation, it is clear that the Laguna de Santa Rosa does not meet standards for low dissolved oxygen. It is also clear that nutrient concentrations are a probable cause of the low oxygen concentrations. New monitoring should be completed that identifies the contribution of nutrients and their relationship to the observed low oxygen concentrations.

Water Body	Pollutant/Stressor	Rationale
Mad River Slo	ugh	
	PCBs	Preliminary 1999-2000 data (SWRCB, 2001) from the State Mussel Watch Program (SMWP) shows levels of Total PCBs in transplanted California Mussels sampled at the mouth of Mad River Slough that exceed maximum tissue residue levels for enclosed bays and estuaries. Given that the SMWP results are considered preliminary and there is little supporting information, staff recommends conducting additional monitoring of Mad River Slough for Total PCBs through the State Mussel Watch Program. Additional study may be conducted through the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program.
Mallo Pass Cre	eek	
	Sediment	Data suggests low impact by fine sediments on the streambed. However, further information regarding instream sediment conditions is necessary to verify the transport capacity for Mallo Pass Creek and evaluate the conditions of the other southern Mendocino Coast streams.
		Staff recommends conducting additional instream sediment assessments in these southern Mendocino Coast streams to determine whether spawning and rearing habitat of cold water fisheries and other beneficial uses are impaired due to sediments.
Pudding Creek		
	Pathogens	There is not enough data over a 30-day time period to make a determination of water quality objective exceedance for contact recreation, according to Basin Plan water quality objectives. While the results may be due to a residual effect of the sewer line break, the lack of baseline data makes it difficult to determine with any certainty. Given the anecdotal accounts of surfers getting sinusitis/ear infections, staff recommends putting Virgin Creek, Casper Creek, and Pudding Creek on the watch list and conducting baseline monitoring for pathogens to assess whether beneficial uses are threatened or impaired.
Russian River		•
	Diazinon	In November of 1999 results by the City of Santa Rosa were non-detect for all pesticides, including diazinon. Presented in the RWQCB November 16, 2002 303(d) List Update Recommendations report, a 1997 Department of Pesticides Regulations study reported that two of the fifty two samples from the Russian River above the reporting limit, at concentrations above that believed to be detrimental to freshwater organisms. The RWQCB recommends placing the Russian River watershed on the Watch List for diazinon, but not specifying individual tributaries.
		The tributaries of the Russian River should not be placed on the Monitoring List. The Russian River should be on the Monitoring List for diazinon.
Schooner Gulc	h	
	Sediment	Data suggests low impact by fine sediments on the streambed. However, further information regarding instream sediment conditions is necessary to verify the transport capacity for Schooner Gulch and evaluate the conditions of the other southern Mendocino Coast streams.
Shasta River		Staff recommends conducting additional instream sediment assessments in these southern Mendocino Coast streams to determine whether spawning and rearing habitat of cold water fisheries and other beneficial uses are impaired due to sediments.
2.4000 101.01	Sediment and Nutrients	Information on instream sediment and nutrient conditions available during the 303(d) List update process was insufficient to determine whether water quality objectives are being met and beneficial uses supported in the Shasta River. Staff recommends additional assessment of instream sediment conditions, to evaluate whether beneficial uses are currently impaired as a result of excessive sediment.

Water Body	Pollutant/Stressor	Rationale
Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Lake National Wildlife Refuge		
	Low Dissolved Oxygen and Unionized Ammonia	The available data are insufficient to support a listing for numeric objective exceedance. California does not have a standard for un-ionized ammonia. US EPA criteria were used for assessment of available data collected in 1996-1997. The US EPA criteria vary depending on temperature, pH and sensitive species present; the criteria become stricter as pH and temperature increase. Based on the information available during the 303(d) List update period, there are not sufficient data to list these surface waters for un-ionized ammonia. These surface waters should, however, be prioritized for additional unionized ammonia testing, including pH and water temperature. Additional work is suggested to evaluate the toxicity of un-ionized ammonia and the protection of the beneficial uses of these water bodies. In addition, the seasonal status of un-ionized ammonia concentrations should be examined.
Usal Creek		
	Sediment	The available data suggest that instream sediment conditions may contribute to a decline in the salmonid fishery. Staff recommends conducting additional instream monitoring and fish population surveys to determine whether spawning and rearing habitat of cold water fisheries and other beneficial uses are impaired due to sedimentation.
Virgin Creek		
	Pathogens	There is not enough data over a 30-day time period to make a determination of water quality objective exceedance for contact recreation, according to Basin Plan water quality objectives. While the results may be due to a residual effect of the sewer line break, the lack of baseline data makes it difficult to determine with any certainty. Given the anecdotal accounts of surfers getting sinusitis/ear infections, staff recommends putting Virgin Creek, Casper Creek, and Pudding Creek on the watch list and conducting baseline monitoring for pathogens to assess whether beneficial uses are threatened or impaired.
Wages Creek		-
	Sediment	Fish population data and timber harvest histories were not available for these watersheds. However, both these streams have been documented to provide historic habitat for coho salmon which are currently absent from the watersheds (Pjerrou, 2001). Due to lack of fish population data, it is difficult to determine whether the instream sediment conditions in Dehaven and Wages Creeks have impaired the cold water fishery and other beneficial uses. Staff recommends additional research to characterize historic fisheries conditions, as well as obtaining more information on harvest histories and instream conditions necessary for making a beneficial use impairment determination.



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